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Summary of Faculty Senate Meeting 01/22/01

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

November 27, 2000

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Call for Press Identification
2. Comments from Chair Nelson
3. Comments from Faculty Chair, Jim Kelly
4. Comments from Provost Podolefsky

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR DOCKETING

767 Request for Emeritus Status for Walter E. Beck, Department of Computer Science, retirement effective June 30, 2001; and Charles E. Quirk, Department of History, retirement effective June 30, 2001.

Docketed in regular order as item 683.

768 Request to Receive Resolution 2001-05 from Northern Iowa Student Government recognizing the accomplishments of the Women's Cross Country Team.

Docketed in regular order as item 684.

769 Receive an announcement from the General Education Committee of the Review of Category II of the General Education Program

Docketed in regular order as item 685.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Copper and Senator Treiber reported on the Ad Hoc Retirement Program Committee.

Senate Office space located in Baker Hall and relocation options were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Reinhold Bubser, Chair of the NCA Self Study Committee, discussed the completed NCA Self Study and the upcoming visit of the NCA Evaluation Team in February.

CONSIDERATION OF DOCKETED ITEMS

767 683 Approved request from Emeritus Status for Walter E. Beck, Department of Computer Science, retirement effective June 30, 2001; and Charles E. Quirk, Department of History, retirement effective June 30, 2001

768 684 Approved request to receive Resolution 2001-05 from the Northern Iowa Student Government recognizing the accomplishments of the Women's Cross Country Team, and amended to send a letter to the Coach.

769 685 Approved request to receive an announcement from the General Education Committee of the Review of Category II of the General Education Program, and amended to receive report and respond back to the General Education Committee with a request that the report be submitted to the Senate when it is complete.

ADJOURNMENT

DRAFT FOR SENATOR'S REVIEW**MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING
01/22/10**

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PRESENT: Kenneth Basom, Mary Boes, Karen Couch Breitbach, Jim Kelly, David Christensen, Carol Cooper, Reginald Green, Ali Kashef, Syed Kirmani, Lauren Nelson, Laura Terlip, Kay Treiber, Richard Utz, Barbara Weeg, Mir Zaman.

Mary Boes is attending for Katherine vanWormer and Reginald Green is attending for Tom Romanin.

ABSENT: Chris Ogbondah, Dan Power, Dhirendra Vajpeyi and Shahram Varzavand.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Nelson called the Senate to order at 3:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Basom moved to approve the minutes of the 11/27/00 meeting. Second by Senator Zaman.

Approval of the minutes as corrected was passed.

Comments from Chair Nelson.

Chair Nelson noted that the agenda has been revised.

There was a request from the NCA Self Study Committee to come back and make a report, and provide us with information about the up coming visit.

The item on "Make-up Work in Missed Classes for Participation in Extracurricular Activities" has been withdrawn because there was a miscommunication about which policy was actually approved by the Senate. The policy that was forwarded to the review committee was not the actual policy that the senate approved. A copy of the policy that was approved in April has been given to the Provost.

A recommendation from the General Education Committee regarding renaming the program is being sent to the senate. We anticipate receiving that in time for the next Faculty Senate meeting.

The Educational Policy Committee has decided to seek student input on the proposed changes to the Graduation With Honors policy. Thus, they are not ready to make any recommendations yet.

We are continuing our efforts on the Scholarly Communication issues by working with a team of Marketing students this semester. Chair Nelson, Senator Utz and Katherine Martin

(Library) are involved with that and will inform the senate what develops out of that effort.

Comments from Faculty Chair, Jim Kelly

The next presidential discussion group with President Koob is February 1 and we've had 20 faculty indicate that they will attend. There is room for more; all senators are always welcome to attend any of these functions. The last discussion group was a "booming" success with very productive dialogue. The topic for the February 1 meeting is "UNI Students Will Hold High Expectations for Their Educational Opportunities, Their Own Learning and Development, and Their Potential Contributions to Vocational, Community and Personal Pursuits". The group will meet in the Gilchrist Board Room, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Previous meetings have been very well attended and the discourse has been marvelous.

Letters have gone out today to the recipients for the Regents Award for Faculty Excellence. Protocol is for the Senate to receive that list and to send a letter of congratulations to each recipient. Recipients are Mary Bozik, Communication Studies; William Clohesy, Philosophy and Religion; Carol Colburn, Theater; Darrell Wiens, Biology; David May, Geography; Richard Utz, English. The recipients will be recognized at one of the Board of Regents meeting in the fall. There were 12 nominees, out of which six were selected. Committee members were Karen Couch Breitbach, Price Lab School, Susan Koch, Associate VP for Academic Affairs, Betty DeBerg, Philosophy and Religion, Jane Wong, Psychology, Julia Wallace, representing the Deans, and James Kelly.

Senator Cooper moved to receive the report of the Regent's Award for Faculty Excellence Committee. Second by Senator Weeg. Motion passed.

Comments from Provost Podolefsky.

January 8 was the Budget retreat. Provost Podolefsky appreciated having the Senate's input for that meeting. They will meet again tomorrow, 1/23, to finalize the proposal for the cabinet which will go on the Web the first of February.

There was a telephonic Board of Regent's meeting on January 17 with a very short agenda, focusing mainly on buildings.

At the last actual meeting in Des Moines the architects presented the drawings for the new McCollum Science Hall addition. Several of the Regents ask that the outside be redesigned because it had a very modern look that they felt would be too different compared to the surrounding buildings.

At a recent meeting there was concern expressed about teaching courses in three weeks during the May term. The May term is actually a four week summer session, just like June and July.

Provost Podolefsky also noted that the collective bargaining process is still going on and the faculty is well represented by the United Faculty.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR DOCKETING

767 Request for Emeritus Status for Walter E. Beck, Department of Computer Science, retirement effective June 30, 2001; and Charles E. Quirk, Department of History, retirement effective June 30, 2001.

Motion to docket in regular order was made by Senator Utz; second by Senator Kashef. Docketed as item 683. Motion carried.

768 Request to Receive Resolution 2001-05 from Northern Iowa Student Government recognizing the accomplishments of the Women's Cross Country Team.

Motion to docket in regular order was made by Senator Kirmani; second by Senator Terlip. Docketed as item 684. Motion carried.

769 Receive an announcement from the General Education Committee of the Review of Category II of the General Education Program.

Motion to docket in regular order was made by Senator Terlip; second by Senator Treiber. Docketed as item 685. Motion carried.

Old Business

Chair Nelson stated that because Dr. Reinhold Bubser is here to discuss the North Central Accreditation (NCA) self study report, Old Business will be addressed prior to New Business.

Copies of the Self Study Report and handouts pertaining to the NCA visit were distributed.

Dr. Bubser reported that our report is complete and has been submitted to NCA, along with the other required documents, and to the NCA team members. NCA is one of the largest accreditation agencies in the country, from the mid-west to New Mexico. Dr. Bubser noted that the visitation team will meet with the UNI Faculty on Monday, February 19 at 3:00. Dr. Bubser, Chair Nelson and Dr. Kelly have met to prepare for that meeting. He urged the senate members to attend and to invite other faculty colleagues.

Dr. Bubser also noted that the NCA self study report is available on the Web at <http://www.uni.edu/vpaa/nca>. The draft copy that was completed in the fall was completely rewritten to produce this final copy. Dr. Bubser expressed his appreciation to all who contributed to this cooperative, collaborative effort.

New Business

Senator Cooper presented a report from the Ad Hoc Retirement Program Committee. The current early retirement program is for those faculty who are 57 with 15 years of experience, ending June 30, 2002. The Board of Regent's tries to let the universities know a year in advance if the program will be renewed so people can plan. This plan has been extended five years a time for approximately the past 16 years. Faculty members that are approaching early retirement age were contacted regarding this issue - 170 were contacted; over 140 responded. The two options are retiring between 57 and 65, and leaving with benefits, or phasing out. The consensus was for those opting for either early retirement or phasing that the more options there are, the better. The overwhelming comment was that they did not want to stay until they were "stale", they want the options provided for by the retirement incentives.

Senator Treiber, also on the committee, noted that responses also addressed the issue of having the same options for

everyone. Many also felt that having the options was a good incentive for prospective employees.

Campus Voices, an informal group of campus representative of the various constituents, is meeting tomorrow to discuss this issue.

Chair Nelson noted that the Board of Regent's will make their decision on the issue of continuing the early retirement options at their June meeting. She also urged the Senate members to be a "conduit of accurate information" about this. There may be an opportunity for the Faculty Senate to send our commentary to the Board of Regent's Office where we can make a case for continuing the programs.

Chair Nelson addressed the issue of the Senate office space that is currently in Baker Hall. Ron Sandvik, editor of the North American Review, would like to expand his office. Because our office is used relatively little during the week, and is in an academic area, our needs are not viewed as great as others. We are not being required to move at this point, but if other space comes available elsewhere, we would consider this.

Senator Cooper questioned whether the senate could continue to hold their meetings here in Gilchrist when the Provost's Office moves. Provost Podolefsky noted that his office and the President's Office will probably be moving in the fall but the ramifications of those moves has not been determined yet. Discussion followed on this.

Consideration of Docketed Items

683 Request for Emeritus Status for Walter E. Beck, Department of Computer Science, retirement effective June 30, 2001; and Charles E. Quirk, Department of History, retirement effective June 30, 2001.

Motion to approve by Senator Kirmani; second by Senator Cooper.

The Faculty Senate expressed their thanks to both for their many years of service to UNI.

Motion passed.

684 Request to Receive Resolution 2001-05 from Northern Iowa Student Government recognizing the accomplishments of the Women's Cross Country Team.

Motion to receive the resolution by Senator Couch Breitbach; second by Senator Basom.

Discussion followed as to appropriate recognition from the Faculty Senate. Chair Nelson will send a letter of recognition to the coach.

Motion passed as amended to receive resolution and to send a letter from the Senate.

685 Receive an announcement from the General Education Committee of the Review of Category II of the General Education Program.

Motion to receive announcement by Senator Basom; second by Senator Terlip.

Senator Terlip was questioned as to the usefulness of the Review. She reported that it is more like a self study and could become more useful as the reports are presented to the Senate. Discussion followed as to the benefit of the Review.

The motion was amended to the Senate will receive the report and respond back to the General Education Committee with a request that the report be submitted to the Senate when it is completed.

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Senator Zaman; second by Senator Kirmani.

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Submitted by Dena Snowden,
Secretary for the Faculty Senate